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In re Application of

Daniel Bubb, et al.

Application No. 10/059,978

Filed: January 29, 2002

Attorney Docket No. NC 82,974

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 18, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

## The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(c). Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Commissioner may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(C) and (D). The instant petition lacks item(s) 1.

A final Office action was mailed to applicant on August 16, 2004, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. Since no reply was received and no extensions of time were obtained, the application became abandoned on November 17, 2004. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(b)), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition

for allowance, a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114, or the filing of a continuing application. See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(A)(2). While petitioner has provided a proposed reply, the amendment submitted does not *prima facie* place the application in condition for allowance, the reply required must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee), an RCE under 37 CFR 1.114, or the filing of a continuing application. A copy of the Examiner's Advisory Action is enclosed herewith.

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Examiner's Advisory Action